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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

SHERIFF OWENS REPLIES TO EDITOR MORRIS

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James Morris of the Tonopah Miner is bitterly opposed to me and in this campaign is resorting to desperate expedients to encompass my defeat, and among these "expedients" is his deliberate and malicious distorting and falsification of both facts and figures in his printed statement of the comparative cost of the sheriff's office under my administration in 1907 and the administration of my predecessor in 1906. I use the word "deliberate" above, because I know Morris had determined to defeat me. If he could, long before he examined the records or knew, or even imagined he knew of anything whatsoever against me or my official record. I use the word "malicious" above because his real motive for opposing me is not because he knows or even thinks my official record is not what it should be, but it is because of my refusal to comply with his demands upon me over a year ago, that I divert to his paper all or a large portion of the county printing from the sheriff's office.

I say he has distorted and falsified both the facts and figures in his published statement, and this is proven by the fact that in gathering material for his printed statement, and in order to swell and inflate the 1907 expense total to as large a figure as possible, he includes items such as court house supplies, court reporter's fees, town constables' fees, fuel for court house, expenses of indigent sick and death investigations, labor on court house, meals to jurors, fuel to county hospital and county pest house, refund on taxes and the like, amounting in the aggregate for the year 1906 to \$16,055.02. Not a single one of these items is in any event properly chargeable to the sheriff's office for either year or for any term. Any more than they are chargeable to the office of the clerk, treasurer, recorder or district court. Court house supplies, fuel, etc., are bought and paid for through the board of county commissioners, and are for the benefit of all the county officials alike. The court reporter is appointed by the district judge, and has absolutely no connection with and performs no services for the sheriff's office. Fuel for county hospital and county pest house, cost of indigent sick and death investigations, labor on court house, meals for jurors, refund on taxes and the like are all items beyond control of the sheriff, and no person, save one of the Morris caliber, muckraking with falsehoods, in order to gratify a personal grudge, would attempt to use them as charges against the sheriff's office any more than against any one of the other county offices.

But shyster-like, in order to make his case, he includes all of these illegitimate items against my administration, but wholly and deliberately fails to include the same identical class of items against the 1906 administration of my predecessor. If that class of items had been charged to the 1906 administration, it would have swelled the Morris total for that year \$16,055.02, but as the Morris statement unfairly makes it appear, there is an apparent difference against me of \$16,055.02. Taking the Morris figures as a basis, there should be added to my predecessor's 1906 account, of \$31,365.25 total, the sum of \$16,055.02, making his total expense account for 1906 the sum of \$47,420.27, as against the Morris total of \$60,630.24 for my 1907 administration.

But another flagrant error appears in the Morris statement. During 1907 I loaned to Nye county, for general county purposes, the sum of \$4000 cash from my personal funds, and in October, when the county was in funds, I filed a bill for this amount, that being the only method by which I could obtain repayment, and because the county returned this money to me, Morris has included that item as expense of my office. In his statement he has included other smaller, but exactly similar items, making with the \$4000 loaned and repaid, a total of \$7081.34, not one cent of which is a legal expense item of my office. Deduct this from the \$50,630.24 of the Morris total, and we have \$53,548.90 as my 1907 total expense. The proper total of the 1906 administration, taking the Morris basis, is \$47,420.27 or \$6,128.63 less than my 1907 administration, but this \$6,128.63 is more than wiped out in my favor by the fact that during 1907 my office performed twice, and in some instances more than three times as much work as the 1906 administration, as witness the fact that in 1906, the total number of witnesses subpoenaed was 208, as against 452 for 1907; that in 1906 court sat twenty-three days and three evening sessions, as against fifty-four days and six evening sessions in 1907; that while I am unable to obtain figures on but one month in 1906, owing to the reckless and unsystematic manner in which jail records were kept for that year, I do find, however, that in February, 1906, there were ten persons registered at the county jail while for February, 1907, there were thirty-four, and the average number of persons registered during each month in 1907 was thirty-four, a matter of about three times as many persons at the county jail per month as in 1906. While figures of exact cost in this connection for subpoenaing witnesses, jurors, court attendants and registration of prisoners can not be furnished owing to the fact that the records on same are so incomplete, it is safe to say that the expense on the foregoing items was at least twice as much for 1907 as for 1906, and that this difference would amount to more than the \$6,128.63, thus showing my 1907 administration cost the county some thousands of dollars less than the 1906 administration, taking Morris' own figures for a basis of calculation. Again during the early portion of the 1906 administration, several town policemen were paid by private subscription made up by the business men of Tonopah, and Morris did not include this against the 1906 administration, but for the 1907 he includes against me the salaries of all town policemen who were paid by the town and not by or through my office. Again, I did not take office until January 7, 1907; yet Morris charges up to me cost of sheriff's office from January 1, 1907, while at the same time crediting Heonnes, etc., collected for those seven days to my predecessor. This item amounts to nearly \$700. His bitter prejudice is shown throughout and it has led him into the grossest errors. A mere glance at his false report, compared with a correct one, will establish this. I set forth below a copy of the Morris statement of comparative cost of sheriff's of 1906 with 1907:

	Logan. 1906.	Owens. 1907.
January	553.26	4,579.95
February	793.33	5,120.43
March	2,687.64	4,789.13
April	2,352.39	6,652.61
May	2,632.92	7,157.36
June	2,356.61	6,127.71
July	4,036.17	6,132.67
August	1,746.74	2,372.45

September	2,495.32	8,302.75
October	3,879.52	3,847.42
November	3,177.62	3,059.85
December	4,646.41	3,476.94

Totals \$31,365.25 \$60,630.24

All that is necessary to show the reckless manipulation of facts and figures by Morris, is a verified and correct statement taken from the records, and covering same period as the Morris statement above. The correct statement is as follows:

	Logan. 1906.	Owens. 1907.
January	1,617.08	\$ 3,747.15
February	2,019.68	5,061.63
March	4,027.77	3,869.22
April	3,907.20	5,847.62
May	4,166.35	7,001.86
June	3,971.24	5,089.21
July	5,680.50	6,087.67
August	2,782.85	2,376.43
September	3,899.09	4,351.50
October	5,044.17	3,847.32
November	4,243.94	3,059.65
December	6,060.40	3,309.64

Totals \$47,420.27 \$53,548.90

The foregoing table shows the 1907 administration cost just \$6,128.63 more than the 1906 administration, and it will be observed the foregoing table proves the account as set forth when based on the Morris basis of calculation; hence, whether using his figures as a basis or those of the table last above set forth, the only increase of 1907 over 1906 is \$6,128.63, and this sum is more than accounted for by the more than double increase of work done by the office in 1907 over 1906 in subpoenaing witnesses and the like, which is fully explained above.

But Morris, not satisfied with juggling facts and figures on tables of cost of my administration for 1907 as compared with 1906, and probably realizing and anticipating that his clumsy prevarications would be readily exposed, has undertaken to show that my 1907 administration does not compare favorably with the 1906 administration in respect to collecting revenue, taxes, etc., and he has printed a table of the comparative revenue collections, a copy of which is herewith subjoined:

	Logan. 1906.	Owens. 1907.
Bullion, tax, license, dance hall, prize fight, poll tax and personal property	\$146,767.80	\$133,459.97
Real estate	63,559.67	118,369.59
Totals	\$210,327.47	\$251,829.56

But, if possible, Morris is more unfortunate in attempting to give facts and figures on revenues, etc., collected, than he is on giving true information relative to cost of my administration for 1907 as compared with the 1906 administration. A correct statement of taxes, revenue, etc., collected for the years 1906 and 1907 appear below:

	Logan. 1906.	Owens. 1907.
Bullion, tax, license, dance hall, prize fight, poll tax and personal property	\$120,924.74	\$135,882.58
Real estate (collectible)	63,559.67	118,369.59
Totals	\$184,484.41	\$254,252.17

It will thus be seen that my 1907 administration collected \$69,767.76 more than the 1906 administration. Morris was compelled, unwillingly no doubt, to concede that I collected "a little over \$40,000" more than was collected in 1906, but his rank unfairness is proven by the fact that he knew it was \$69,767.76 instead of "a little over \$40,000" as the records he examined, show such to be the fact.

When a man has a personal grudge against a candidate, that fact of itself justifies more than ordinary scrutiny of his charges; when the same man has a newspaper, which he prostitutes by pandering to his baser emotions of spite and spleen, his charges are doubly suspicious. But when in addition to all this, he knowingly and deliberately falsifies, conceals and juggles facts and figures in an attempt to destroy the reputation and standing of a candidate he is resorting to a depth of journalistic indecency which fortunately is rare and never occurs except when a newspaper is published by a man of the Morris stripe. My official record is an open book. I have absolutely nothing to conceal, misrepresent or hold back, and in this issue appears a complete and correct statement of my 1907 administration, as compared with a complete and correct statement of the 1906 administration. This statement shows wherein the reckless, irresponsible Morris in his vindictive eagerness to make a showing against me committed errors totaling many thousands of dollars, and he is hereby challenged and defied to prove my statement incorrect.

J. J. OWENS,
Sheriff Nye County, Nevada.

PLEASED CROWD AT THE BUTLER

No matter how hard a person tries to discover something new and amusing he sometimes fails to accomplish his aim, but last night the most unsuccessful fun hunter had his highest hopes realized at the Butler theater and laughed and—well, go yourself and laugh with him. A minstrel show that, from start to finish, was one round of pleasure, held the boards. Songs were catchy and jokes were witty in the extreme.

Al Flournoy, as one of the end men, had one fit, then another and all fits were different. His song was a side splitter. Nuf ced.

Mr. Calhoun, that invincible fun maker, was at his best. To look at him meant to laugh. His song, "Bon-Bon Buddy, the Chocolate Drop," took the cake.

Mr. Murphy, that sweet voiced singer, lived up to his reputation, and his "Brother Sylvester" certainly must have been a big man.

Sim Kerns, that colored Jew, must have lived very near a colored neighborhood, for he certainly stole some of their actions. He was a hit.

Miss Jean Hathaway as interlocutor performed her part in an admirable way. Her singing was magnificent and called forth encore after encore.

And then there's smiling Mildred Manning, always in demand. Her song, "Come to the Land of Bohemia," made many a fellow wish that he could accept the invitation. The rest of the cast sang and acted the several parts to perfection. If the Butler and Mr. Alphin continue to keep up the high standard of amusement, the success of the popular little play house is assured.

RICH NEW ORE FOUND NEAR DEATH VALLEY

J. H. Kaiser of Silver Creek, New York and G. J. Brown of Goldfield have returned from a trip to the property of the Goldfield, Nevada and California Mining company, a few miles north of Death valley, bringing with them some fine specimens of molybdenum, a rare metal which they expect to be able to produce on a commercial basis. The company has secured the services as superintendent of A. Regals, a mining man of wide experience, who was formerly superintendent of the famous American Nettle mine at Ouray, Colorado, and who has mined molybdenum ores, says the Review. He is highly pleased with the showing, which he has developed on the surface for a distance of thirty feet.

Molybdenum is largely used for tempering steel, and the Japanese

also employ it in the manufacture of high explosives. In its refined state the metal is worth \$5500 per ton.

The Goldfield, Nevada and California Mining company is also developing a group of nine claims adjoining the molybdenum deposits which have a fine showing in gold, silver and copper, and have planned extensive operations. The locations which comprise the estate lie along the California-Nevada line, two miles west of Cocomongo springs and about forty miles southeast of Goldfield.

STOCK MARKET.

The following quotations are furnished by the reliable brokerage firm of Kenneth Donnellan & Co.:

Tuesday, October 27.

Tonopah District.	
Tonopah Nevada	\$7.30
Montana	.84
Tonopah Ex.	.58 .60
MacNamara	.53 .55
Midway	.29 .30
Belmont	1.12 1.17 1/2
North Star	.06 .07
West End	.53 .55
Rescue	.05 .06
Jim Butler	.23 .24

Goldfield District.	
Sandstorm	.24 .25
Columbia Mt.	.22 .23
Jumbo Ex.	.31 .33
Booth	.40 .41
Atlanta	.23 .24
Great Bend	.36 .37
Florence	3.97 4.00
Diamondfield Con.	.14 .15
Daisy	1.00 1.02 1/2
Fraction	1.27 1.30
Kewanas	.30 .31
Consolidated	6.42 6.45
Red Hills	.24 .26
Florence Ex.	.12 .13

Bullfrog District.	
Homestake	.16 .17
Tramp Con.	.15 .16

Other Districts.	
Pitts. St. Pk.	.95 .97

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